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In re Application of
Anastasios et al.
Application No. 09/748,690
Filed: December 22, 2000
Attorney Docket No. NREL 99-29

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed March 31, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No further petition fee is required for the request. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the final Office action mailed August 8, 2003. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on November 9, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed March 22, 2004.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply,
- (2) the petition fee,
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, and
- (4) a terminal disclaimer and fee if the application was filed on or before June 8, 1995 or if the application is a design application.

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¹ In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

² See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(C) and (D).

The instant petition lacks item (1). The Amendment submitted to the Examiner on March 31, 2004 failed to place the above-identified application in prima facie condition for allowance. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may be: (1) an amendment, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. Petitioner must submit one of the above documents in order to revive the above-identified application. The Advisory Action issued by the Examiner is enclosed.

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Enclosure: Advisory Action